

Sit report

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529 personnel are actively engaged in the response, working to protect wildlife and their habitats, including 36 national wildlife refuges. They are also assessing the damage from the oil spill in preparation for the work that will be needed to restore the Gulf of Mexico.

Crews with the Department of Interior continue to collect oiled debris in the Gulf Islands National Seashore at Horn Island, Petit Bois, Ship and Cat Islands, Perdido, Fort Pickens, and Santa Rosa.

Adverse weather conditions shut down all ground-based operations around the southeast and southwest National Wildlife Refuges in Louisiana.

Air missions were suspended for Chandeleurs, Biloxi Marsh, Baptiste Collette, Terrebonne & Timbalier Bay, and Barataria Bay to Empire Jetties, SW Pass and Mississippi River Gulf Outlet because of the tropical storm.

The storm is headed towards Delta, Mississippi Sandhill Crane, and Big Branch Marsh National Wildlife Refuges.

Hundreds of migrant shorebirds were observed by crews at the Plaquemines Parrish Operational Division in Louisiana.

Numerous birds are using heavily oiled shorelines in Batiste Bay where the marsh shoreline makes the detection of oiled and dead birds extremely difficult.